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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council

A. Draft resolution for adoption by the Council

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the provisions of its resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 on the consultative relationship between the Economic and Social Council and non-governmental organizations,

Aware of the evolving relationship between the United Nations and the non-governmental organizations community, reflecting the broader and more substantive involvement of non-governmental organizations with the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations at large,

Mindful of the significantly large increase in the number of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that has occurred in recent years and conscious that the number will continue to increase in the foreseeable future,

Mindful also of the demands that the participation of the expansion of non-governmental organizations places on the workload and resources of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat,

Recalling paragraph 68 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 regarding the requirement for adequate Secretariat support to fulfil the mandate defined for the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations with respect to carrying out the wider range of activities in which the enhanced involvement of non-governmental organizations was envisaged,

Recalling the regular programme of technical cooperation under section 23 of the programme budget of the United Nations,

Emphasizing the need to ensure that the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs is able to operate efficiently in carrying out its mandate at the optimum level of performance,

Emphasizing also the need to strengthen partnership with the civil society as emphasized by the Secretary-General within the reform of the United Nations by integrating analytical capacity with technical cooperation activities for greater effectiveness and efficiency,

1. *Regrets* the weak capacity of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full utilization of the resources allocated to it as well as the filling of all vacant posts and to report on

proposals to further strengthen the capacity of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 and the maintenance of the institutional memory of the Non-Governmental Organization Sections, thereby making full use of lessons learned and best practices within the Section so as to enable it to carry out its responsibilities efficiently and effectively;

2. *Recommends* that a technical cooperation programme be established for the Non-Governmental Organizations Section aiming at providing advisory services, the conduct of capacity-building workshops designed to launch the United Nations Non-Governmental Organization Informal Regional Network (UN-NGO-IRENE), at regional, subregional and national levels, and the development of training materials and the promotion of pilot joint partnership initiatives, projects and programmes involving the United Nations, the civil society and Governments worldwide, especially for the countries most in need.

B. Draft decisions for adoption by the Economic and Social Council

2. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to the following sixty-three non-governmental organizations:

General consultative status

China NGO Network for International Exchanges

Special consultative status

African Child Care Association

Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development

Al Zubair Charity Foundation

American Association of University Women

All About Social, Economic, Educational Rights Foundation

Asociación Mujeres Unidas para el Microcrédito

Association d'équipements collectifs La Castellane

Association VERSeau developpement

CARAM Asia Berhad

Centro de Información y Education para la Prevención del Abuso de Drogas

Cercle de recherche sur les droits et les devoirs de la personne humaine

Child Family Health International

Comité pour les relations internationales de jeunesse de la communauté française de Belgique

Federatie van Nederlandse Verenigingen tot Integratie van Homoseksualiteit

Fondation connaissance et liberté

Fondation Ostad Elahi

Foundation for a Culture of Peace

Fundación Instituto Psicopedagógico Uruguayo

Fundación Paz Mundial

Fund for Women in Asia

General Research Institute for the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Global Hand

Globe Aware

Health for Humanity

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

Hudson Institute

Institut international des sciences politiques

Instituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice

International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children

IT for Change

Junior Achievement Worldwide

Knights of the Southern Cross

Learning and Development Kenya

Mother Child Education Foundation

National Women's Studies Association

Network of NGOs of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women

Partnership for Global Justice

Plateforme pour le développement durable des Caraïbes

Red Venezolana de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo Social

Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra

Service for Peace

Ship and Ocean Foundation

Smile of the Child

Society Studies Centre

Vikash

Vluchtelingen Werk Nederland

Voices of African Mothers

Women and Modern World Centre

Women's Health and Education Center

Women's Rights Association against Discrimination

Women's Shadow Parliament (Kenya)

Roster

Center for Health and Gender Equity

Comitato Ev-K^2

Kabbalah Centre

Ligue pour le droit de la femme congolaise

National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs

New Zealand Council of Licensed Firearms Owners

Nigerian Healthcare Foundation

NTIC et citoyenneté

Play Soccer

Trance Research Foundation

Village Suisse

(b) To reclassify the following non-governmental organization from Roster to special consultative status:

International Association for Media and Communication Research

(c) To note that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations has taken note of the quadrennial reports of the following one hundred and twenty-seven non-governmental organizations (years of reporting are 2003-2006, unless otherwise indicated in parentheses):

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

All China Women's Federation

All Russian Social Fund, "The Russian Children Foundation"

Antiviolence Center

Association Algérienne d'Alphabétisation

Association for Democratic Initiatives

Association for Progressive Communications

Association of Medical Doctors of Asia

Association of United Families International

Buddha's Light International Association

Care International

Centre d'accompagnement des autochnes pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables

Centre for Democracy and Development

Cercle des amis de la forêt pour le 21e siècle

Citizens' Rights Protection Society

Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations

Coordination des immigrés du sud du monde

Defence for Children International

Disabled Peoples' International

European Disability Forum

European Forum for Victim Services

European Youth Forum

Family Planning Association of Turkey

Federación de Asociaciones de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (2000-2003)

Fédération de Tunis de Solidarité Sociale

Federation of Associations of Former Civil Servants

Focus on the Family

Fondation Guilé

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute (2002-2005)

Fund of Aid for Youth

German Foundation for World Population

Global Action on Aging

Global Fund for Women

Global Volunteers

Green Earth Organization

Handicap International

Hariri Foundation

HelpAge International

Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation

Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Human Appeal International

Institut international des sciences administratives

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Interaction, American Council for Voluntary Action

Interact Worldwide

International Alert

International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty

International Association for Water Law

International Association of Charities

International Association of Peace Messenger Cities

International Bar Association

International Cartographic Association

International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development

International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development

International Chamber of Shipping

International Commission on Distance Education

International Council of Scientific Unions

International Council of Women

International Council on Human Rights Policy

International Council on Mining and Metals

International Driving Tests Committee

International Federation for Family Development

International Federation for Housing and Planning

International Federation of ACAT (Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture)

International Federation of Agricultural Producers

International Federation of Associations of the Elderly

International Federation of Medical Students' Associations

International Federation of Persons with Physical Disability

International Federation of University Women

International Federation Terre des Hommes

International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (2001-2004)

International Longevity Center

International Movement ATD Fourth World

International Organization for Standardization

International Planned Parenthood Federation, European Region

International Planned Parenthood Federation, Western Hemisphere Region

International Road Federation

International Social Security Association

International Women's Health Coalition

Inter-Press Service International Association

Japan Civil Liberties Union

Japan Federation of Bar Associations

Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development

Kids Can Free the Children

Korean Institute for Women and Politics

Legião da Boa Vontade

Life Ethics Educational Association

Life for Relief and Development

Mercy-USA for Aid and Development

Movement for a Better World

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

National Bar Association

National Council of Women of the United States

National Safety Council

National Wildlife Federation

Netherlands Organization for International Development Cooperation

Network Women in Development Europe

Nord-Sud XXI

Oasis Open City Foundation

Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International

Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities

Panamerican-Panafrican Association

Pathfinder International

Perhaps...Kids Meeting Kids Can Make a Difference

Permanent Assembly for Human Rights

Program for Appropriate Technology in Health

Rencontre africaine pour la défense des droits de l'homme

Resources for the Future

RICS Foundation

Several Sources Foundation

Socialist International

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

SOS-Kinderdorf International

Stichting Projekta — Foundation for Women and Development Services

Trickle Up Program

United Nations Association of San Diego

Wittenberg Center for Alternative Resources

Women's Commission Research and Education Fund

Women's World Summit Foundation

World Association of Children Friends

World Economic Forum

World Federation of Democratic Youth

World Federation of United Nations Associations

World Organization of Building Officials

World Savings Banks Institute

Youth with a Mission

(d) To also note that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations decided to close its consideration of the request for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council made by the following non-governmental organizations:

Armenian Fund USA

Ma Qualcuno pensi ad Abele

(e) To further note that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations decided to take note of the withdrawal by the following two organizations of their applications for consultative status:

Chinese Society for Corrosion and Protection

Observer Research Foundation

Draft decision II
Application of the non-governmental organization Human Rights Foundation for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides not to grant consultative status with the Council to the Human Rights Foundation.

Draft decision III
Complaint against the non-governmental organization World Union for Progressive Judaism

The Economic and Social Council decides to dispose of the complaint against the non-governmental organization World Union for Progressive Judaism.

Draft decision IV
Dates of and provisional agenda for the 2009 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Decides that the 2009 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from 19 to 30 January 2009 and its resumed session from 18 to 22 May 2009;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the 2009 session of the Committee as set out below.

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the previous sessions of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
   (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
   (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
   (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
   (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
   (b) Consideration of issues in the agenda of the informal working group;
   (c) Other related matters.

7. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/46.

8. Consideration of special reports.

9. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

10. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2010 session of the Committee.

11. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

Draft decision V
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2008 resumed session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2008 resumed session.

C. Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the reinstatement of status of the non-governmental organization Liberal International

3. The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following statement by the Chairman of the Committee on Non Governmental Organizations:

> The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations takes note of and acknowledges the fact that the one year of suspension of the organization Liberal International will terminate on 20 July 2008.